activities in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra. However, their involvement in the recent twin bomb blast in Mumbai on August 25, 2003 has not come to notice so far.

(d) The Central and State security and intelligence agencies have been taking all possible measures to curb the activities of disruptionist elements.

Anti-terrorism Force

848. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate anti-terrorism force trained to counter nuclear and chemical warfare;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering to train this force for specialised courses in Israel, UK and USA;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether these Governments have acceded to the proposal for training in their countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) and (b) Four Battalions of Central Para Military Forces have been earmarked for responding to terrorists attacks involving use of radioactive material and biological/chemical agents. The nodal training institutions have been identified and qualitative requirements (QRs), training faculty and the syllabus have been finalized. The training of trainers will commence from January 2004.

(c) to (e) The country has capabilities in training personnel for responding to such disasters. However, some personnel have also been trained in USA in certain aspects. If need be further specialized training may also be organized in countries having such capabilities.

Rehabilitation of victims of terrorism and communal violence

†849. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken so far by Government to solve the rehabilitation problem of helpless orphan children, widows and old persons in different

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.